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3724

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# Interview Summary

Application No.

09/595,133

Applicant(s)

BABIN, DENIS L.

Examiner

Isaac N Hamilton

Art Unit

3724

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Isaac N Hamilton.(3) Sean Sullivan.(2) Allan Shoap.(4) George OlaruDate of Interview: 21 April 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.If Yes, brief description: Manifold Plate, Nozzle

Claim(s) discussed: General Discussion of the independent claims Benenati Manifold Plate, Nozzle  
Identification of prior art discussed: Benenati

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Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See below

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

The monolithic nature of the plate was pointed out and how it distinguishes over for example figure 11 in Benenati. The Examiners are more arguing that the claims are reading on Benenati than an actual difference in the manifolds themselves. It is suggested that more specific structure to the manifold and method be claimed and addressed.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Isaac N Hamilton  
Examiner's signature, if required

## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/595,133 First Named Applicant: Denis L. Babin  
Examiner: Isaac Hamilton Art Unit: 3724 Status of Application: Pending, Final Office Action

### Tentative Participants:

(1) Sean M. Sullivan (2) George Olaru  
(3) Allan Shoap (4) Issac Hamilton

Proposed Date of Interview: 4-21-04 Proposed Time: 11 AM

### Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rejection	Claims 1-14 and 21-26	Benenati	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

### Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

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An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

### NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

  
(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

 4/21/04 Allan N. Shoap  
(Examiner/SPE Signature) **Supervisory Patent Examiner  
Group 3700**

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